

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—103) **Page S2971**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:12 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the re-

marks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2984.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 5781–5787; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 1104–1106, were introduced. **Pages H2265–66**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2266–67**

Reports Filed: A report was filed on April 10, 2008 as follows:

H.R. 3548, to enhance citizen access to Government information and services by establishing plain language as the standard style for Government documents issued to the public, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–580). Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 281, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to allow all eligible voters to vote by mail in Federal elections, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–581);

H.R. 5036, to direct the Administrator of General Services to reimburse certain jurisdictions for the costs of obtaining paper ballot voting systems for the general elections for Federal office to be held in November 2008 and to reimburse jurisdictions for the costs incurred in conducting audits or hand counting of the results of the general elections for Federal office to be held in November 2008, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–582, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5715, to ensure continued availability of access to the Federal student loan program for students and families (H. Rept. 110–583);

H.R. 5719, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to conform return preparer penalty standards, delay implementation of withholding taxes on government contractors, enhance taxpayer protections, and assist low-income taxpayers, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–584);

Supplemental report on H.R. 5719, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to conform return preparer penalty standards, delay implementation of withholding taxes on government contractors, enhance taxpayer protections, and assist low-income taxpayers (H. Rept. 110–584, Pt. 2);

H. Res. 1102, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5719) to amend the Internal Revenue

Code of 1986 to conform return preparer penalty standards, delay implementation of withholding taxes on government contractors, enhance taxpayer protections, and assist low-income taxpayers (H. Rept. 110–585);

H. Res. 1103, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2634) to provide for greater responsibility in lending and expanded cancellation of debts owed to the United States and the international financial institutions by low-income countries (H. Rept. 110–586);

H. Res. 1068, permitting active duty members of the Armed Forces who are assigned to a Congressional liaison office of the Department of Defense at the House of Representatives to obtain membership in the exercise facility established for employees of the House of Representatives, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–587);

H.R. 5493, to provide that the usual day for paying salaries in or under the House of Representatives may be established by regulations of the Committee on House Administration (H. Rept. 110–588); and

H.R. 5570, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the sunset in the special immigrant nonminister religious worker visa program, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–589).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hirono to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2227**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:32 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2227**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Joseph T. Holcomb, Director of Pilgrimages, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. **Page H2227**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Wynn, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Energy and Commerce, effective 5 p.m. on April 9, 2008. **Page H2228**

Official Objectors for the 110th Congress: On behalf of the Majority and Minority leadership, the

Chair announced the following Official Objectors for the Private Calendar for the 110th Congress: Representatives Boucher, Schiff and Grijalva for the Majority and Representatives King (IA), Forbes and Smith (TX) for the Minority. **Page H2228**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Expressing sympathy to the victims and families of the tragic acts of violence in Colorado Springs, Colorado and Arvada, Colorado: H. Res. 886, amended, to express sympathy to the victims and families of the tragic acts of violence in Colorado Springs, Colorado and Arvada, Colorado, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 380 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 183; **Pages H2228–30, H2244**

Expressing support for designation of a National Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia Awareness Day: H. Res. 994, amended, to express support for designation of a National Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia Awareness Day, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 377 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 184; **Pages H2230–31, H2244–45**

Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2007: H.R. 4881, amended, to prohibit the awarding of a contract or grant in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold unless the prospective contractor or grantee certifies in writing to the agency awarding the contract or grant that the contractor or grantee has no seriously delinquent tax debts; **Pages H2234–37**

Plain Language in Government Communications Act of 2007: H.R. 3548, amended, to enhance citizen access to Government information and services by establishing plain language as the standard style for Government documents issued to the public, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 376 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 185; and **Pages H2237–39, H2245**

Honoring and recognizing the work of the Meals On Wheels Association of America, its member senior nutrition programs throughout the country, and their annual March For Meals campaigns: H. Res. 259, to honor and recognize the work of the Meals On Wheels Association of America, its member senior nutrition programs throughout the country, and their annual March For Meals campaigns. **Pages H2239–41**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:46 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H2243**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Tuesday, April 15th:

Texas Military Veterans Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 5517, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7231 FM 1960 in Humble, Texas, as the "Texas Military Veterans Post Office" and **Pages H2231–34**

Expressing support for the designation of the month of April 2008, as National Child Abuse Prevention Month: H. Res. 1097, amended, to express support for the designation of the month of April 2008, as National Child Abuse Prevention Month to provide attention to the tragic circumstances that face some of our Nation's children on a daily basis and to underscore our commitment to preventing child abuse and neglect so that all children can live in safety and security. **Pages H2241–43**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and a message received from the Senate today appear on pages H2228 and H2246.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 76 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2244, H2244–45, and H2245. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE AND NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Select Intelligence Oversight Panel met in executive session to hold a hearing on the National Reconnaissance Office and the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency. Testimony was heard from Scott Large, Director, National Reconnaissance Office; and VADM Robert Merrett, USN, Director, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

TAXPAYER ASSISTANCE AND SIMPLIFICATION ACT OF 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 7 to 3, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5719, the "Taxpayer Assistance and Simplification Act of 2008." The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that